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| REQUEST   | Application Number         | 10/014,607                  |
| FOR   | Confirmation Number        | 2036                        |
| CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)   | Filing Date                | December 14, 2001 CRu       |
| TRANSMITTAL PE  | First Named Inventor       | Takayuki FUJIWARA 491/24    |
| MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents  FEB 0 2 2004  | Group Art Unit             | 2125                        |
| P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  | Examiner Name              | Ryan A. Jarrett             |
| Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or   | Matter Number  METHOD OF A | Q67227<br>AND APPARATUS FOR |
| plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995  |                            |                             |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  |                            |                             |
| 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  a. ☐ Previously submitted i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 23, 2003 (see MPEP § 706.07 (h)(II) - last paragraph)  ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. ☐ Other  b. ☑ Enclosed i. ☐ Amendment/Reply ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) iv. ☑ Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee v. ☐ Other  2. MISCELLANEOUS |                            |                             |
| <ul> <li>a. ✓ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 1 month</li> <li>b. ☐ Other</li> </ul>   |                            |                             |
| Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and for the Petition fee of \$130.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.   |                            |                             |
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| Signature Date February 2, 2004   |                            |                             |

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